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Sir:

Your Petitioner, Sony Corporation, having a place of business at 7-3-5 Kitashinagawa 6-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan, represents that it is the assignee of all right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified Application, filed herewith for DECODING APPARATUS, DECODING METHOD, DATA-RECEIVING APPARATUS AND DATA-RECEIVING METHOD, which is a division of application Serial No. 09/988,957 filed November 19, 2001, and that it hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application filed herewith that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 USC 154 to 156, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of any patent granted on said Application Serial No. 09/988,957 for DECODING APPARATUS, DECODING METHOD, DATA-RECEIVING APPARATUS AND

DATA-RECEIVING METHOD and of which Sony Corporation is also the assignee of all right, title and interest, as evidenced by the assignment recorded on February 25, 2002 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012633, Frame 0254 during the prosecution of parent application Serial No. 09/988,957.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the instant application and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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